



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD

CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL,
AND U.S. MAIL

December 13, 2010

SR-6J

Mr. Jerry C. Winslow
Principal Environmental Engineer
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall (Ren. Sq. 8)
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

RE: Completion of Work under Order No. V-W-04-C-764 for the Ashland Lakefront
Superfund Site, Ashland, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Winslow:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, (d/b/a Xcel Energy, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc.) (NSP) entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on November 14, 2003. Under the AOC, NSP agreed to perform the work described in Section IX of the AOC and the Statement of Work, reimburse U.S. EPA's Future Response Costs, provide financial security for completion of the work under the AOC, and certain continuing obligations (e.g., payment of Future Response Costs, record retention, providing access).

U.S. EPA approved a final Feasibility Study on December 4, 2008, and issued a Record of Decision for the Site on September 30, 2010. Pursuant to Section XXX of the AOC, U.S. EPA has determined that all Work has been fully performed in accordance with the AOC, with the exception of any continuing obligations, including, but not limited to payment of Future Response Costs, and is providing NSP with this written Notice of Completion of Work.

This letter merely reflects U.S. EPA's determination that the work required by the AOC is complete. This Notice of Completion in no way releases NSP from any potential future obligations to perform additional work to address the same, or other, conditions at the Site. Similarly, this notice of completion does not release NSP from any recordkeeping, payment, or other obligations under the AOC that extend beyond the date of this notice.

Please contact me or Craig Melodia at (312) 353-8870 if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hansen", with a stylized, flowing script.

Scott Hansen
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Melodia, C-14J
Enforcement specialist
Site file